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SUBJECT: LUKANOV COMMENTS ON RECENT TRIP TO US

VIENNA FOR EWTC

REF: STATE 147175

1. DURING BATJER PROTOCOL CALL AUG 9 ON LUKANOV, LATTER MADE INTERESTING REMARKS ON RECENT US TRIP. HE SAID HE ASSESSED TRIP VERY POSITIVELY AND WAS REPORTING ON IT THAT AFTERNOON TO PRIME MINISTER TODOROV.
2. LUKANOV SPOKE AS THOUGH SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE SOON, CONSULAR CONVENTION COULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY AND IMPLIED HOLD-UP WAS ARRIVAL OF US EXPERT, BUT I REPLIED THAT ACTION WAS WITH FONOFF AND WE AWAIT REPLY ON TWO UNSETTLED QUESTIONS. HE ASKED VIEWS ON WHEN POPOV VISIT COULD BE CONTEMPLATED. BATJER REPLIED THERE WERE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BEFORE POPOV VISIT.

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3. LUKANOV SIAD HE VERY MUCH WANTED TO SEE US

FIRM GET CONTRACT FOR ONE LARGE NEW PROJECT IN ORDER

ACCUSTOM BULGARIANS THINK OF US AS SUPPLIER. AS POSSIBILITIES HE MENTIONED COASTAL STEEL PLANT OF POSSIBLY 12 MILLION TON CAPACITY (KAISER AND US STEEL HAVE CHANCE IF THEY MOVE QUICKLY), SHUMEN ALUMINUM PLANT (KAISER MIGHT YET HAVE TIME MAKE BID), MODEL INTEGRATED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE COMBINE (FMC HAS INSIDE TRACK), POLYURETHANE PLANT (LUMMUS INVITED BID USING DU PONT TECHNOLOGY).

4. LUKANOV FELT THAT BEST APPROACH TO EXIM BANK FOR CREDITS WAS FOR FINANCING OF SPECIFIC PROJECT SUCH AS ABOVE.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH CREDIT QUESTION, LUKANOV ASKED ABOUT PROCEDURES AND JUSTIFICATION FOR SETTLING BOND PROBLEM AND WAS TOLD SUCH MATERIAL HAD BEEN GIVEN GOB EMB WASHINGTON BY BOND HOLDERS COUNCIL.

6. LUKANOV ALSO SAID HE HAD TOLD CLARK EQUIPMENT THAT BULGARIA WAS GOING TO EXPAND ITS PRODUCTION OF MACHINES PARALLELING CLARK LINE AND SUGGEST MIGHT BE BETTER FOR BOTH IF BULGARIAN EXPANSION DONE IN COOPERATION WITH CLARK, NOT COMPETITIVELY.

7. WHEN INFORMED OF EWTC DIR MARTIN'S VISIT SOFIA, LUKANOV ASKED SEE HIM AFTERNOON AUG 13, EVEN THOUGH HE IS DEPARTING THAT EVENING ON TRIP TO FINLAND. HOUSTON

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